

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the first Official Action and prior to calculating the fees for the application.

The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/108,953. In the Office Action regarding that application and dated January 20, 2000, the Examiner restricted the claims. This Preliminary Amendment cancels all of the claims of the parent application except claims 20-36.

The present amendment also adds a cross-reference to the co-pending application and adds the serial number and filing date of an application incorporated by reference.

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 20-36.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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